Stoppage of important trains at Mankapur Railway junction

3770. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests for halt of all important trains at Mankapur junction in Uttar Pradesh have been received; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Some representations have been received for stoppage of 2553/2554 New Delhi-Barauni Vaishali Express and 5207/5208 Amritsar-Barauni Express at Mankapur. The suggestions have been examined but not found justified.

Introduction of Express Container Railway Service

3771. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether express container railway service for domestic cargo between major cities has been introduced.

(b) if so, the details thereof with nature of domestic cargo and names of cities where such facilities are available, State and Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to expand/upgrade/modernise such express container service during 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Territory-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These services introduced by Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), a PSU, under the Ministry of Railways are called CONTRACK services. These trains carry general goods, grains, pulses, dairy products, etc. A statement showing details of these services is attached. (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The services have been introduced to cater to the demands of movement of cargo between major cities by offering a safe, efficient and economic mode of transport. CONCOR intends to introduce more such services between other major commercial centres provided sufficient traffic is available for such nominated day services.

Statement

Introduction of Express Container Railway Service

S. No.	From		To		Commenced from	Frequency
	City	State	City	State		
1.	Delhi	Delhi	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	17.01.97	Triweekly
2.	Delhi	-do-	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh	30.01.97	Fortnightly
3.	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Calcutta	West Bengal	23.01.97	Weekly
4.	Lucknow	-do-	Calcutta	-do-	22.01.97	"
5.	Moradabad	-do-	Calcutta	-do-	20.01.97	"
6.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	Delhi	Delhi	18.01.97	"
7.	Bangalore	Karnataka	Delhi	Delhi	23.02.97	"
8.	Bombay	Maharashtra	Delhi	-do-	21.02.97	"
9.	Delhi	Delhi	Dhandarikelan (Ludhiana)	Punjab	09.03.97	"
10.	Dhandarikalan (Ludhiana)	Punjab	Delhi	Delhi	11.03.97	"